



Placer County Health and Human Services Department

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Silver Creek – Tahoe Improvement Association
Attention: Jack Coyne
PO Box 6568
Tahoe City, CA 96145

**RE: Exceedance of Bacteriological Maximum Contaminant Level
Silver Creek Summer Home Tract Water System; PWS #3103666; Citation # 2018-022**

Dear Mr. Coyne,

This department has received bacteriological sample results for the above referenced water system that indicate the presence of coliform bacteria in exceedance of the maximum contaminant level. The presence of coliform bacteria is a serious public health concern and is a violation of the Total Coliform Rule as per Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 64426.1. The sample results we received are charted below:

Collected 10/16/2018

Cabin #1 Hydrant	Total Coliform –Present	E. Coli – Absent
Storage Tank	Total Coliform – Present	E. Coli – Absent
Cabin #22 Hydrant	Total Coliform –Present	E. Coli – Absent
Cabin #5 Hydrant	Total Coliform –Present	E. Coli – Absent

As the local agency responsible for ensuring the public health and safety of small drinking water systems such as yours, we are required by the California Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water to issue this citation and require that corrective actions are taken in a timely manner. Please complete the following:

1. This water system is required to issue a public notification to its consumers. The format and delivery of this notification must meet the requirements of a Tier 2 Public Notice as per CCR, Title 22, Section 64463.4. Attached is a completed public notice for your water system that meets these requirements. If you wish to create your own notice, prior approval from this office is required. Maintain posted notices in place for as long as the violation or occurrence continues, but in no case less than 7 days.
2. Complete the attached proof of notification form and return to this office no later than 30 days of this notice. Please note that you are required to conduct at least two types of delivery methods.
3. This is the second exceedance of the bacteriological maximum contaminant level within a 12 month period. Therefore, the Federal Revised Total Coliform Rule requires this office to conduct a Level 2 Assessment of the water system. A representative of this office will contact you to schedule the inspection.

4. Promptly make any repairs or adjustments identified during the Level 2 Assessment. If necessary disinfect the water system in accordance with AWWA standards. Be sure to maintain chlorine residual until any and all repairs are completed.
5. When it appears that all problems are resolved, flush the system until all traces of chlorine are gone. Take 4 repeat samples at the following approved locations. Before collecting each sample, check the chlorine residual and record it on the chain of custody form. Use a certified drinking water laboratory for all testing.
 - Wellhead Sample Tap
 - Fire Hydrant Tap Between Cabin #3 & #4
 - Fire Hydrant Tap near Cabin #22
 - Post Storage Tank Sample Tap

Please comply with the directives above by November 26, 2018. Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:
Proof of Notification Form

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

SILVER CREEK SUMMER HOME TRACT WATER SYSTEM

Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took 4 samples so far to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during October 2018. Four of those samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample may do so.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.** If we had, we would have notified you immediately. However, we are still finding coliforms in the drinking water.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

We are working with our county inspector to identify possible causes for the positive samples. We will make any repairs necessary as soon as possible and disinfect the water system. We anticipate resolving the problem as soon possible.

For more information, please contact Jack Coyne at 650-619-5168